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| Hongkong, 12th January, 1874. | |

There has been no change in the position.

Not one of them would have seen the shot fired
or heard the noise.—*Dulgravia.*

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &
HONGKONG, 24th August, 1894.

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Extracts.

UNDER THE SURFACE.

BY FRANCES RUSSELL HAYWARD.

On the surface, foam and roar,
Reckless brave and passionate dash;
Single rattle along the shore,
Gathering boom and thundering crash.

Under the surface, soft green light,
A hush of peace and an endless calm.
Wind and waves from a calm height,
Falling sweet as a far-off psalm.

On the surface, life and swirl,
Tossing wave and drifting sail,
Broken spurs that the wind waves whirl,
Whirl and wreck-wrecked rocks they sail.

Under the surface, loneliness forming,
Feathery fountains with crimson coral,
Treasures too deep for the raid of storm—
Delicate coral and hidden pearl.

On the surface, life and swirl,
A patient, swift with a shining crew,
Sky and sea and a far-off psalm,
Treasures crimson, gold and blue.

Under the surface, life and swirl,
Silly things and cozy moods,
Crawling things with watery breath,
Blackening rocks and whitening bones.

On the surface, a shining reach,
A crystal couch for the moonbeam's rest,
Starry crystals along the beach,
Sweet songs from the breezy west.

Under the surface, glooms and fears,
Terrorous currents, swift and strong,
Downward rush in the drowning care—
Have you rightly read my song?

LIFE AS A PRESERVATIVE OF WOOD.

A writer in *Chambers Journal* says that certain facts have been known, which show that lime is a good preservative of timber. Ships and barges used for the transport of lime last longer than others. A small coasting schooner, laden with lime, was cast ashore and sunk. She was raised and set afloat once more, and remained sound for thirty years. Again, a platform of nine planks was used to mix lime on during three generations; then, being no longer required, was neglected and at length hidden by grass that grew over it. Sixty years afterwards, on clearing the ground, it was discovered sound and well-preserved.

MADAME MACMAHON.

Every afternoon, between 2 and 3, a portly-looking lady, with a kindly expression of countenance, with large, blue eyes and hair slightly tinged with gray, may be seen leaving the executive mansion at Versailles, leading a little girl by the hand, and devoting her attention immediately to a number of poor people who seemed to have waited for her, and among them she and her pretty little companion then distribute alms, addressing a few fervent words to each of the recipients of their charities.

When the two, whom the most casual beholder will at once recognize to be mother and daughter, appear, the two sentinels respectfully recede. They leisurely walk down the steps and across the courtyard, and other promiscuous in the most unostentatious manner, standing still, every now and then, and exchanging a few pleasant words with acquaintances. But for the glances which most of the passers-by send after the lady, you would think that she was the wife of some government employee—perhaps of a deputy in the National Assembly; for she wears a simple black dress, and her bonnet, although of faultless shape, cannot have cost many dollars. And yet she is at the present time the foremost lady in France, the consort of Marshal MacMahon, President of the French Republic.

The career of this eminent lady, although the papers have had very little to say about her, has nevertheless been an eventful one, and in her present exalted station, notwithstanding her quiet unobtrusive demeanour, she is known to exert a momentous influence upon the decision of her husband. The latter admires plot, and it may be truly said that she has a most plucky eye. Indeed, it was an act of genius on her part that first attracted his attention towards her.

It was on the first of December, 1868, at an advanced hour of the night, that a fire broke out in the female seminary of Limoges. The flames spread with such rapidity that the fair young inmates could be rescued only with the utmost difficulty. At last when all of them were believed to be assembled, shivering in their night dresses, in front of the burning edifice, the cry resounded suddenly, "Louise de Bailly is still in the building!"

The lookers-on stood as if petrified, and the firemen did not venture to enter the house, which now looked like a fiery furnace. Poor Mademoiselle de Bailly was already given up as hopelessly lost, when all of a sudden a tall young girl, with her blonde hair hanging loose over her shoulders, and her deep blue eyes flashing out the heavenly fire of inspiration and indomitable courage, rushed from among her terrified sisters, and exclaiming, "I will try to find her!" ran toward the burning building.

A thousand voices shouted, "Do not risk your life thus foolishly!" But she, who thus recklessly risked her own life in order to save that of one of her young classmates. But none of the warning exclamations deterred the heroic girl from her purpose. In a few seconds she had entered the front door, unassisted by the blinding smoke and the flames that were momentarily gaining ground.

For the spectators of this thrilling scene, this was a moment of extreme suspense. The strongest hearts quailed when the heroic girl did not return. A minute, nay two, elapsed, and minutes under such circumstances are centuries. But all at once her white nightgown appeared in the door. Yes, it was she; and by hand she led the missing, terrified Louise de Bailly.

Such a shout as went from the hearts of the relieved crowd! Such praises as were showered upon the brave young girl! But she herself was half ashamed of being thus fettered. "Mon Dieu!" she exclaimed, "it was easy enough for me to ascend that stairway; it was not so for her. Only the smoke troubled me a little. Had I waited a minute longer, poor little Louise would have been lost."

At the reopening of the seminary, a few months later, M. Surcouff asked Mademoiselle de Bailly to step forward, and presented her, in the name of King Louis Philippe, a handsome gold medal for saving a human life, and praised her courage and devotion in eloquent terms.

Among the spectators, on this occasion, was young officer of the garrison of Limoges, who seemed to be deeply interested in the heroine of to-day. He asked what her full name was, and was told that she was the daughter of M. Antoine Gilbert de Morin, Seigneur de Vallon.

This information made the inquirer somewhat thoughtful. Perhaps the fact that M. de Morin was one of the wealthiest and proudest noblemen of the surrounding country had something to do with this.

Captain MacMahon, (that was the name of the young officer), however, was not much interested by this formation. True, he was then but a Captain in the French army, but he had nothing but his pay to depend on, but then he had excellent prospects of one becoming rich; his family was as old, if not older, than that of Holstein's father, and a French soldier always has a Marshal's baton in his knapsack.

How to manage to get acquainted with Mademoiselle de Morin he could not tell, but certain it is, when the young lady, some time afterwards, was told by her father that he had

selected a husband for her, she started him by the announcement that he might save himself that trouble, and that she had already made her own choice.

The old gentleman was at first astonished, and then became furious. His daughter, he angrily told him, that she wanted no one but Captain MacMahon, of the fourth regiment of the line.

And now began a struggle between the exasperated father and the determined daughter. Notwithstanding the efforts of M. de Morin to interfere, Holstein's correspondence with her lover, frequent letters were exchanged between the two; and when Captain MacMahon was sent to Algeria, they pledged themselves to remain true to one another. This separation lasted three years, until 1842, when MacMahon, who had greatly distinguished himself in Africa, suddenly fell heir to considerable property. This settled the old gentleman's heart, and M. de Morin, in 1844 Holstein became the wife of Lieutenant Colonel MacMahon.

She accompanied him to Africa, and wrote from thence to the *Gazette de France* a series of anonymous sketches in Algerian life, which were favourably noticed by the critics, and which, oddly enough, were generally attributed to a distinguished officer of the French army.

In 1849, Madame MacMahon returned to France, where the successive deaths of her three children almost broke her heart. She took up her abode at her husband's property, Sully, near Autun, and lived in the deepest retirement, from which she emerged only after the Crimean war, when her husband's gallantry had made him the most popular general in France. She moved into a modest house with him in Paris, avoiding as much as possible to come in contact with the imperial court, for which she entertained an invincible repugnance, partly, probably, on account of the loss of her dearest friends, partly, too, because, having been brought up amidst all the prejudices and *hazards* of the old aristocracy, she could not bring herself to relish the *parvenus* that ruled supreme at the Tuilleries.

It is needless to recapitulate here the events of the next few years. Like every true daughter of France, Madame MacMahon suffered intensely. The news of her husband's defeat at Woeirli prostrated her so that her life was despaired of; and when she returned to Versailles after the war she looked ten years older, and her hair had assumed a silvery tinge. Those who know her best say that she has an excellent heart, that she is truly ambitious, a generous foe, endowed with considerable literary talent, keen-sighted in politics, and a fervent Christian.

—Harper's Bazaar.

Insurance.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, the Brokerage allowed by this Company on the Premium on RISKS to ports west of Singapore, will be Ten per cent. (10%) only, on ALL OTHER INSURANCES a Brokerage of Thirty-three and One-third per cent. (33 1/3%) will be allowed, as heretofore.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,
General Agents,
44 Hongkong, 5th January, 1874.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE RISKS.

Polices at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the Pacific.

FIRE RISKS.

Polices granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of £20,000.

A DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the current local rates will be allowed on all premium charged for insurance; such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of policy.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

ON and after SATURDAY, the 1st November, a Brokerage of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3%) will be allowed on all Insurances granted by this Association.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 30th October, 1873.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept *risques* against Fire, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SELMSEN & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 16th November, 1873.

GOVAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

INCORPORATED 1855.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium at the respective places.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire in the above Company at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

ROD. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
11 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date until further notice, a Return of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be made on the Premium charged on all Insurances effected with this Office; such Return being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company,
11 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

GENEROUSLY THE Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.

No charge for Policy Fee.

JAS. B. COUGHRAN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 1st November, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Polices at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Polices issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 30% allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Polices issued for sums not exceeding £5,000, on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 28th July, 1872.

Insurance.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

Established 1800.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the following rates, subject to a discount of 20%.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent. per annum.
Other Dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

SHORT PERIOD INSURANCES.

Not exceeding ten days, 1 of the annual rate.
Above 10 days and not exceeding 1 month, 1 do. do.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1 do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1 do. do.
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1 do. do.

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IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £40,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 21st November, 1869.

JAVA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, at current rates, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

ARNOLD KARBURG & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 31st October, 1873.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Agents,
11 Hongkong, 8th March, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents,
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Insurance.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 10 days, 1 of the annual rate.
Above 10 days and not exceeding 1 month, 1 do. do.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1 do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1 do. do.
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1 do. do.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company,
11 Hongkong, 28th August, 1869.

THE GLOBE MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
Agents, The Queen Insurance Company,
11 Hongkong, 28th January, 1870.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
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